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Related subject: Skipton South

During our recent Town Council meeting, we firmly addressed the consultation process regarding the electoral review.

Information was circulated, detailing the projected electorate figures for each of the Skipton Town Council Wards up to 2030.

This data, extracted from North Yorkshire Council's submission to the Boundary Commission, only reflects population growth based on existing planning permissions and fails to consider projections from any emerging Local Plans.

Skipton North Ward 3,472 Electors (1 Councillor per 868 electors)

Skipton South Ward 3,138 Electors (1 Councillor per 784 electors)

Skipton East Ward 3,399 Electors (1 Councillor per 849 electors)

Skipton West Ward 3,517 Electors (1 Councillor per 879 electors)

Each Skipton Town Councillor currently represents an average of 845 electors, calculated from a total of 13,526 electors divided by 16 councillors.

There needs to be a difference of at least 845 electors between wards to justify the transfer of one seat or councillor from one ward to another.

The Boundary Commission proposals will introduce a significant imbalance.

Additionally, Skipton South growth has future major developments as shown at North Parade, Land between Sharphaw Avenue and the Canal, both major developments of which are imminent.

We hereby assert Skipton Town Council's strong objection to the proposed changes from the Boundary Commission. We believe that these alterations would severely undermine democracy and negatively impact the residents of our town.

Attached Documents:

None attached